THE EWELME BENEFICE

Dursley, Uley, Owlpen and Nympsfield

Churches of St James, St Giles, Holy Cross & St Bartholomew

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Services for Sunday 26th October 2025 Last Sunday after Trinity Bible Sunday

St Giles, Uley

10am Benefice Holy Communion
Canon Richard Morgan and Revd David Vonberg

St James, Dursley

6.30pm Choral Evensong Revd David Vonberg

Collect

Blessed Lord,

who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them,

to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life,

which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

First Reading: Isaiah 45: 22-end

Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.

By myself I have sworn, from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness a word that shall not return:

'To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.' Only in the Lord, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; all who were incensed against him shall come to him and be ashamed. In the Lord all the offspring of Israel shall triumph and glory.

Psalm 119: 129-136

Your decrees are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.

The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.

With open mouth I pant, because I long for your commandments.

Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your custom towards those who love your name.

Keep my steps steady according to your promise, and never let iniquity have dominion over me.

Redeem me from human oppression, that I may keep your precepts.

Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.

My eyes shed streams of tears because your law is not kept.

Second Reading: Romans 15: 1-6

We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Each of us must please our neighbour for the good purpose of building up the neighbour. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, 'The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.' For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Holy Gospel: Luke 4: 16-24

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum." And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town.'

Intercessions

We pray for those who are ill at this time or in other forms of need, especially those we know. We remember Jennifer, Albie, Carol, Sam, Jane and Rita. Be with them in their suffering, support and comfort them and give them peace of mind in times of trouble.

We pray for Sandra Cresswell and Diana Russell, recently departed, we pray for their families and friends and all those who grieve.

Post Communion Prayer.

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen

Evening prayer via Zoom is on Wednesday at 6pm, to join please use this login - Link – Meeting ID: 811 3331 8043

Basic Safeguarding Training for anyone who needs to do this and would prefer to do it face to face.

Basic Safeguarding Training Saturday 8 November 10-12 Parish Centre.

Please can people let either Heather or Pat know if you are planning to come.

This Week

Wednesday 29th October

6pm Evening prayer via Zoom.

Thursday 30th October

9am Morning Prayer at St James10am Holy Communion at St James

Friday 31st October

2pm Poetry Group at 9 Five Acres

Services for 2nd November 2025 All Saints Sunday

St James, Dursley

10am Parish Holy Communion
 4pm All Souls service
 St Batholomew's, Nympsfield
 10am Parish Holy Communion

St Giles, Uley

4pm All Souls Service

Names for all souls-

If you would like a loved one's name remembered at one of our All Souls Services on Sunday 2nd November at 4pm, please let me know or write it on the form at the back of church.

There will a service at St James and at St Giles.



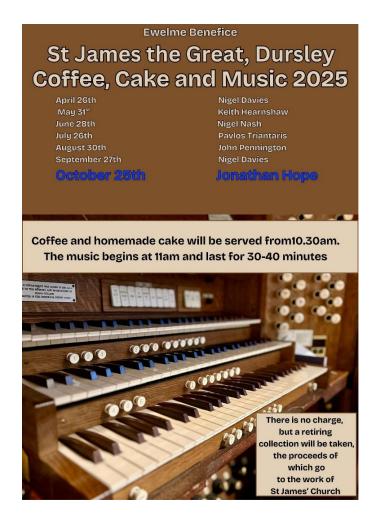
Music for a Sunday Afternoon

featuring

Trombone Ensemble Sunday 26th October at 3pm

A free, short, informal concert in the church followed by tea & cake.

Donations welcome for Church Funds.



ST JAMES-THE-GREAT DURSLEY



COME AND PLAY OUR SPLENDID ORGAN Saturday 22nd November 2025 from 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Join us to hear - and play - our remarkable pipe organ, aka 'the King of Instruments'.

There will be a short demonstration followed by the opportunity to play this remarkable instrument – open to all, regardless of musical experience or ability!

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